GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SKO DEALERSHIP TO WIDOWS AND SC/ST CANDIDATES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government are aware that most of the SKO dealershipbelonging to widows and SC/ST candidates have gone down below the economic viability limit and are unable to earn their livelihood;

(b): if so, whether such dealers are to be reimbursed the cost of DD making as is done in case of RPO dealerships;

(c): if so, the steps being taken to make them economically viable;

(d): whether the Government propose to contemplate policy changes in the conversion of such unviable SKO/LDO dealers or allow them resitement on the locations where they may be made viable; and

(e): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): All the SKO-LDO dealerships including those belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and widows, except in some cases, are operating above the economic viability limit.

(b): `DD charges` is one of the elements in-built in the dealers` commission for SKO-LDO dealers.

(c) to (e): The Government have constituted a Committee of Directors (Marketing) of Oil Companies to review the dealers` commission for SKO-LDO dealers. The report of the Committee has not been received by the Government yet.